

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

On page 1, lines 10-14, please, amend the text to read:

-- This non-provisional application 10/ 607,862 (filed 06-27-2003) is a divisional application of non-provisional application 09/969,563, (filed 10-02-2001), which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, and which claims priority of provisional patent applications 60/246,634 (filed 11-08-2000), 60/249,996 (filed 11-20-2000), 60/267,281 (filed 02-08-2001), 60/283,266 (filed 04-12-2001), 60/289,343 (filed 05-07-2001), and 60/302,194 (filed 06-29-2001), all six of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. --

On page 50, lines 13-14, please, amend the respective paragraph to read:

-- The top sections 12b and 12a are connected to the bottom section 14 by a left and a right side sections 16 and 18, respectively, while the bottom section 14 is extended by the bottom section extensions 40 disposed between the left side section 16 and the right side section 18. --

On page 50, lines 19-27, please, amend the respective paragraph to read:

-- The front snapping segment 2 has a an inwardly bent portion 2'', while the back segment 4 has a an inwardly bent portion 4'' under which there are disposed the bottom section extensions 40. The bent portions 2'' and 4'' further comprise anti-sliding portions 2' and 4', respectively. Instead of or in addition to the anti-sliding portions, the bent portions may comprise anti-opening portions (not shown) as described for example in the case illustrated in Figure 14 (see for example elements indicated by numerals 20B' and 22B').

An unfolded fastener is shown in Figure 21, wherein the anti-sliding portions 2' and 4' have been replaced by the anti-opening sections 2''' and 4'''.--